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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), Applicants petition that the period for response to the Office Action, mailed September 15, 1997, in the above-identified application be extended for one month, up to and including November 15, 1997. A check for the fee of \$55.00 for a small entity under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) accompanies this petition. Filed with this petition is a Response to Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing

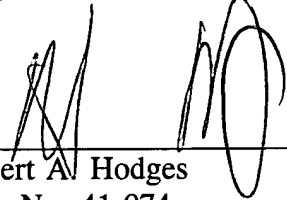
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Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures, Amendment and Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. 1.821(f), with a certificate of mailing, eleven pages of Sequence Listing, a 3½" diskette containing a computer readable form copy of the Sequence Listing and the Saito reference in support of a sequence correction.

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It is believed that no additional fee is required with this submission. However, should a fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 01-2507. To facilitate this process, Applicants enclose a duplicate of this document.

Respectfully submitted,

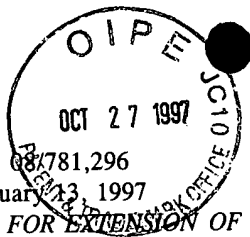


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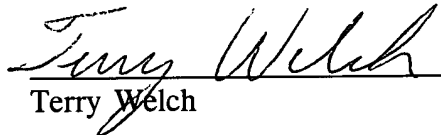
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8(a)

I hereby certify that this Petition for Extension of Time, along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.


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